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THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PLAINTIFF

VS.

CIVIL ACTION  
NO. 14,430

CATAHOULA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
ET AL, DEFENDANTS

PLAN PREPARED AND UNANIMOUSLY  
ADOPTED BY THE CATAHOULA PARISH  
SCHOOL BOARD

In lieu of the suggested plan of HEW, Catahoula Parish School Board presents to the Court a plan which we think we could put into effect with the beginning of the 1969-70 school session. We would like to call the Court's attention to the fact that, even though the ratio of the white population is 65% to 35% negro population, the negro population is concentrated in the Sicily Island and Jonesville school areas.

The school population in the Sicily Island area is 60% negro to 40% white, and the Jonesville school area is 62% white and 38% negro. The Sicily Island High School, an all-white school, has an enrollment of 347 students. The Martin High School, an all-negro school, located in Sicily Island, Louisiana, has an enrollment of 521 students.

The Jonesville Consolidated High School, an all-negro school, located in Jonesville, Louisiana, has an enrollment of 727 students. Block High School, an all-white school, located in Jonesville, Louisiana, has an enrollment of 566 students. The Jonesville Elementary School, an all-white school, located in Jonesville, Louisiana, has an enrollment of 785 students.

Therefore, Catahoula Parish School Board proposes for the 1969-70 school session:

To assign all first-grade children, regardless of race, in Ward 6, Jonesville, Louisiana, to the Jonesville Elementary School, which has adequate space in a new building to house this group, which will mean approximately 90 negro children assigned to this school.

That all eighth-grade students, regardless of race, in Ward 6, Jonesville, Louisiana, be assigned to Block High School, Jonesville, Louisiana, which will mean approximately 78 negro children assigned to this school.

That all children in the first and second grades, regardless of race, in Wards 1 and 2, be assigned to the Sicily Island Elementary School. This will mean a total of approximately 100 negro children assigned to this school.

That all children, regardless of race, in Ward 5, be assigned to the Harrisonburg High School; which will mean approximately 60 negro children, from the first through the twelfth grades, assigned to this school.

That approximately 13 negro children living in Ward 4 in the Manifest School area be assigned to the Manifest Elementary School.

That the faculties of all schools be integrated so that 5 negro teachers will be assigned to Block High School, 2 negro teachers will be assigned to Central High School, 2 negro teachers will be assigned to Harrisonburg High School, 1 negro teacher will be assigned to Manifest Elementary School, 4 negro teachers will be assigned to Jonesville Elementary School, and 3 negro teachers will be assigned to Sicily Island High School. White teachers will be assigned to Jonesville Consolidated High School and Martin High School to replace the negro teachers where vacancies occur as a result of negro teachers being transferred to white schools. This will be done according to

the number of teachers needed and the availability of white teachers.

For the 1970-71 school session, Catahoula Parish School Board further petitions the Court to grant them permission to fully integrate the school system in the following manner:

In the Sicily Island area, Wards 1 and 2, that all children in grades 1-6, regardless of race, be assigned to the Martin School, and that all children in grades 7-12, regardless of race, be assigned to Sicily Island High School; or that Martin High School be an all-female school for grades 1-12, regardless of race, and that Sicily Island High School be an all-male school for grades 1-12, regardless of race.

In the Jonesville area, Ward 6, that all children in grades 1-4, regardless of race, be assigned to Jonesville Elementary School; that all children in grades 5-8, regardless of race, be assigned to Jonesville Consolidated School; and that all children in grades 9-12, regardless of race, be assigned to Block High School; or that all children in grades 5-12, regardless of race, be assigned to Block High School and Jonesville Consolidated School—one being an all-female school and the other being an all-male school.

In the Harrisonburg area, Ward 5, that all children in grades 1-12, regardless of race, be assigned to the Harrisonburg High School.

In the Enterprise area, that all children in grades 1-12, regardless of race, be assigned to the Enterprise High School.

In the Manifest area, Ward 4, that all children in grades 1-8, regardless of race, be assigned to the Manifest Elementary School.

In the Central area, that all children in grades 1-12, regardless of race, be assigned to the Central High School.

Statistics are attached showing the number of white and negro children involved in each plan for each school.

The transportation system will be integrated for the 1969-70 session to coincide with and implement the plan submitted for integrating the schools for the 1969-70 school session. Statistics are attached showing the number of negro children assigned to formerly all-white buses for the 1969-70 session. For the 1970-71 school session, the transportation system will be completely reorganized and integrated to implement the plan of total desegregation of the school system as outlined for the 1970-71 school session.

The faculties of all schools will be fully integrated for the 1970-71 school session so as to implement the plan adopted as outlined for total desegregation of the schools for the 1970-71 school session.

## CATAHOULA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

FOR SESSION 1970-71

NAME OF SCHOOL	GRADES	STUDENTS		
		N	N	TOTAL
Block High School	9-12	368	182	545
Central High School	1-12	152	0	152
Enterpriss High School	1-12	121	0	121
Harrisonburg High School	1-12	385	60	445
Jonesville Cen H. School	5-8	457	282	739
Jonesville Elem School	1-4	478	321	794
Manifest Elem School	1-8	100	14	114
Martin High School	1-8	185	274	459
Stately Island H School	7-12	162	247	409
TOTAL		2898	1380	3778



## S. I. H. S. AND MARTIN

	<u>BOYS</u>			<u>GIRLS</u>		
	White Boys	Negro Boys	Total	White Girls	Negro Girls	Total
Grade 1	14*	20	34	12	30	42
Grade 2	15	21	36	16	31	47
Grade 3	13	22	35	18	25	43
Grade 4	9	25	34	19	18	37
Grade 5	15	19	34	15	20	35
Grade 6	12	28	40	15	18	33
Grade 7	11	23	34	14	13	27
Grade 8	18	14	32	17	23	40
Grade 9	17	26	43	14	15	29
Grade 10	11	25	36	13	18	31
Grade 11	14	22	36	11	27	38
Grade 12	6	17	23	15	23	38
TOTALS	155	262	417	179	261	440

\* 1st Grade Approximated

## BLOCK AND J. C. H. S.

	BOYS			GIRLS		
	White Boys	Negro Boys	Total	White Girls	Negro Girls	Total
Grade 5	49	32	81	52	33	85
Grade 6	66	36	102	69	27	96
Grade 7	56	34	90	53	38	91
Grade 8	47	40	87	60	30	90
Grade 9	49	39	88	41	38	79
Grade 10	48	33	81	50	28	78
Grade 11	45	15	60	44	29	73
Grade 12	50	14	64	40	18	58
TOTALS	410	243	653	409	241	650

**PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION OF NEGRO CHILDREN IN CATAHOUDA  
PARISH, WHO WILL BE ATTENDING FORMERLY ALL WHITE SCHOOLS FOR  
THE 1969-70 SCHOOL SESSION:**

**JONESVILLE SCHOOLS:**

**90 negro children in Jonesville area (1st graders) who  
will attend the Jonesville Elementary School 1969-70**

- 55 live in city limits of Jonesville - no transportation.**
- 20 live outside Jonesville and will ride to school  
on 5 formerly white school buses that serve the  
area of their residence**
- 15 live in all negro community and will continue to  
ride negro bus because no white bus serves their  
immediate area**

**78 negro children in Jonesville area (8th graders) who  
will attend the Block High School 1969-70.**

- 38 live in town of Jonesville - no transportation**
- 30 live in areas outside Jonesville served by 5  
white buses, which these children will ride to  
Block High School.**
- 10 live in area not served by white school buses, &  
these will continue to ride negro bus for the  
coming school year.**

**MANIFEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

**13 to 15 negro children live in this area.**

- 3 to 4 live at Rhinehart and will ride formerly all  
white bus to Manifest Elem Schl.**
- 10 to 12 live on North side of Little River. Negro  
bus bringing these children to Jonesville will  
be re-routed to Manifest Elem.**

**NOTE::: 2 to 4 negro high school children in the above  
areas will ride to Manifest as outlined, then  
ride white bus on to Harrisonburg High School.**



### **HARRISONBURG HIGH SCHOOL**

**60** negro children living in this area.

**45** live within city limits of Harrisonburg and need no transportation.

**15** live approximately 5 miles south of Harrisonburg these children would be divided between a negro school bus and a white bus serving this community. divided according to load capacity.

( See note under Manifest concerning 2-3 negro high school students in that area who will be transported to Harrisonburg High School.)

### **SICILY ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL**

**100** negro children (1st and 2nd graders) to attend the Sicily Island High School.

**40** live within city limits of Sicily Island and will need no transportation.

**35** negro children live outside Sicily Island in areas served by ~~6~~ formerly white School buses, who will transport these negro children to Sicily Island High School .

**25** negro children live in all negro communities not presently served by white school buses. These children will continue to ride negro buses for the 1969-70 school session.

**NOTE:** The figures given above are in some cases approximated due to the fact that we have only mailing addresses on families, and not exact places of residence, and consequently difficult to determine which buses they are more likely to ride to school.

STUDENTS									FACULTY		CROSS OVERS				STUDENTS		FACULTY	
Cz	Moula	Total Negro	Total White	No. Negroes in Formerly White Schools		No. Whites in Formerly Negro Schools		Total Negro Teachers	Total White Teachers	No. Negro Teachers in Formerly White Schools	No. White Teachers in Formerly Negro Schools	Total No. Schools in System	No. of Schools With All Negro Students	No. of Schools With All White Students	No. Schools With All Negro Faculty	No. Schools With All White Faculty		
				%	% Change	%	%											
1967-68		1327	2401	0	0	0	0	61	115	0	0	0	9	2	7	2	7	
1968-69		1306	2398	0	0	0	0	61	117	0	0	0	9	2	7	2	7	
1969-70 Proposed Plan		1300 <sup>1</sup>	2415 <sup>1</sup>	319	24.6% <sup>2</sup>	24.6%	0	0	61	117	20	17% <sup>3</sup>	11 <sup>4</sup>	17%	9	2	0	0

1 Projected Enrollments

2 % of All Negro Students

3 1/2 of Ratio of Negro/White Population

4 11 Teachers-17% of Total Negro Faculties